

# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of the Hawai'i Korean Chamber of Commerce**

**WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Korean Chamber of Commerce (HKCC)** was founded when a group of businessmen and professionals from the first wave of Korean immigration to Hawai'i was granted a Charter of Incorporation recognizing HKCC as the 7<sup>th</sup> Chamber of Commerce in the islands on November 15, 1940; and

**WHEREAS, the HKCC** and its initial membership fulfilled its charters by promoting business interests in the Korean community and awarding scholarships to needy and deserving students of Korean ancestry; and

**WHEREAS, the HKCC** was reinvigorated in 1977 by merging with the Korean Business Council, an organization of businessmen and professionals who immigrated to Hawai'i with the new wave of Korean immigration in the mid-1960s; and

**WHEREAS, the HKCC** merged with the Korean Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawai'i in 1988, and has continued to broaden its involvement in the state through its annual scholarships, "Entrepreneur of the Year" Award, and community service, including aiding the restoration of Pu'uiki Cemetery, and seminars on financial planning and advice for seniors in partnership with AARP; and

**WHEREAS, the HKCC** facilitates cooperation within the local Korean community by coordinating volunteers from over 30 local organizations as well as the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to mount the Korean Festival, holding its 13<sup>th</sup> annual celebration on July 12, 2014, sharing Korean culture with local residents; and


**WHEREAS, the HKCC** continues to expand its international promotion of business interests in Hawai'i with its Hawai'i Visa Waiver Program assisting Koreans visiting the state, and by partnering with the State Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism on its annual Business Trade Mission to South Korea;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor** for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2014, as

### **"HAWAI'I KOREAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DAY"**

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the long history of success and philanthropy of Korean businesses in Hawai'i, as well as the Chamber's growing role in enhancing the State's profile and economic ties abroad.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of March, 2014.

  
**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
**SHAN S. TSUTSUI**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i